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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 9 May 1995 from H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
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Annex

Letter dated 9 May 1995 from the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The failure to respond, the silence on the part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to the events of the last few days confirm the impotence and lack of will that have pervaded those responsible for United Nations humanitarian, defensive and peace efforts within the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the major world Powers. Simultaneously, we continue to hear from some of these same Powers, which are troop contributors, threats to withdraw.

We would like to express our appreciation to all the troop-contributing States, and in particular their courageous men and women, for their efforts within the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. To those States that are threatening withdrawal, we will not question the sincerity of the motivations behind these threats. We can only say, we will not stop you from leaving.

On the other hand, to those States that are committed to remaining and continuing their earnest efforts to fulfil their mandate and promote peace, we say we welcome your resolve and seek to enhance our mutual cooperation.

In this context, we request a meeting of the Security Council to review the current situation of the United Nations and related regional organizations within the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including orderly withdrawal of some contingents (and their potential replacement by others); mutual cooperation; and the implementation of current United Nations resolutions. This meeting should provide the proper political direction to the United Nations civilian and military leadership directly responsible for implementing the Council's decision.

I express my preparedness to participate in such a debate, if circumstances permit.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC